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EDUCATION

• Masters in CS, Carnegie Mellon University (CMU)	4.13/4.33	Aug 2022 - Dec 2023
• MBA, Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad (IIMA)	${\bf 3.612/4.33}$	Aug 2020 - May 2022
• Bachelors in CS, Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur (IITK)	9.7/10	Aug 2014 - July 2018

EXPERIENCE

• Salesforce, Software Engineer Intern, San Francisco, USA

May 2023 - Aug 2023

- Argo Workflows: Improved scalability and stability of SalesforceDB (SDB) service by redesigning SDB deployments to Kubernetes in Argo Workflows. Designed a framework to transition other lifecycle management pipelines to Argo Workflows.
- Pipeline Improvement: Simplified existing pipelines by removing unnecessary stages reducing end-to-end deployment time.
- Tower Research Capital LLC, Software Engineer, India

July 2018 - July 2020

- PnL Infrastructure: Redesigned the PnL infrastructure in Python to support a larger number of exchanges, including crypto markets. Improved the performance & resource needs of the system to achieve 3x reduction in time & 2x reduction in memory usage. Added caching to reduce resource wastage & enable real-time PnL status monitoring.
- Strategy Framework: Pioneered an easy-to-use strategy building framework to support dynamic deployment & modification of strategies during live trading using trader inputs in C++. Used the factory pattern to extend the reflection system for all strategy components. Achieved within 80% performance of the original optimized system.
- Cautious Times: Revamped the cautious time framework to detect & monitor high volatility times during trading as a preprocessing step in Python. The new design provided 10% gain in performance & 20% improvement in accuracy of results by pre-processing and caching all available data, & removing redundant entries and false positives.
- Responsibility: Took ownership of the global PnL infrastructure (30+ exchanges), leading accuracy & performance projects. Overlooked market summary reconciliation by post-trade team, & maintained the historical PnL database.
- Nutanix, Member of Technical Staff Intern, India

May 2017 - July 2017

- Kafka Benchmark: Pioneered an automated config-based benchmarking framework to track CPU & memory metrics.
- Kafka Library: Designed Python module to fully manage a running Kafka cluster. Further added support for reading messages through different modes using the confluent-kafka-python module or streaming messages using web sockets.

SELECTED PROJECTS

• Flattening Laterals in DuckDB | Prof. Andy Pavlo, CMU

Spring'23

Added planning & flattening support for arbitrarily nested LATERAL joins to DuckDB, making it the first open-source system to support efficient execution of arbitrarily nested LATERALs & UDFs (with Apfel), substantially improving performance over the nested loop implementation found in other systems like PostgreSQL. Link to PR

• C0 Compiler | Compilers, CMU

Spring'23

Designed multiple compilers to incrementally support features like branching, functions, & heap for the C0 language. Added various optimizations, including register allocation/coalescing, loop invariant code motion, dead code elimination, strength reduction, & tail optimization to achieve comparable performance to GCC at -O1 optimization level.

• CloudFS | Storage Systems, CMU

Fall'22

Designed a distributed file system in FUSE that uses local disks & cloud for storage. Supported extensive snaps hot features for backups. Optimized storage costs with deduplication & transfer costs with caching for S3-like cost model.

• Distributed Systems | CMU

Fall'22

Implemented a consistent distributed replicated log with Raft protocol using RPCs to communicate between replicas in Go. Implemented a simpler variant of TCP & used it to build a fair & efficient distributed Bitcoin miner in Go.

• NachOS | Operating Systems, IITK

Fall'16

Implemented system calls, process scheduling & memory management, replacement algorithms for an instructional OS.

SKILLS & RELEVANT COURSEWORK

- Languages C++, C, Python, Rust, Go, Shell Scripting
- Courses

 Adv. Databases, Storage Systems, Adv. Cloud Computing, Distributed Systems, Compilers, Databases (IITK),
 Computer Architecture, Networks (IITK), Operating System (IITK), Data Structure & Algorithms (IITK),

ACADEMIC & TECHINCAL ACHIEVEMENTS

- IIMA: Recipient of 1970 Batch Merit Industry scholarship & IIMA Merit Industry scholarship totalling \$3700 in 2022.
- IITK: Awarded Certificate of Merit for Academic Excellence (within top 10% ile) for two consecutive years, 2016 & 2017.
- ACM-ICPC: Ranked $30^{th}/2400$ in the Preliminary Qualifiers across India & 2^{nd} in the IITK institute in 2018.